



The YCW Prayer

Lord Jesus I thank you for this day

We recognise Jesus as Lord of our life. Each moment belongs to Him. Each day is a new opportunity given to us, a fresh start offered to us. We thank the Lord for the day ahead.

I offer you all my work, my hopes and struggles, my joys and sorrows.

We make an offering of the day to the Lord. We recognise that He is present with us in all the good and difficult times. We see our work as something we can give to God. We are conscious of our hopes for this day and ask the Lord to be with us in any challenges that we may have to face. Whether we are happy or sad the Lord is with us.

Help me and all my fellow workers to think like you, to work with you, to live in you.

We think of Jesus as a young worker and of how he understands our life and desires our happiness. Inspired by his example and with his help we too can draw others to get to know him.

Help me to love you with all my heart and serve you with all my strength.

We ask to be whole hearted in all we do and ready to serve others with wisdom and cheerfulness. We put what talents and gifts we have at His disposal.

May your kingdom come in all our places of work, study and leisure and in all our homes.

We pray that the ways and values of God's kingdom be present in our daily lives whether in our workplace or college, in our family or among our friends: values such as fairness, equality, respect and dignity and concern for those less favoured in life.

Give me the courage to challenge what is wrong and keep me faithful to the ideals of the Young Christian Workers.

We recognise that we are called to stand against what is not pleasing to God and not just to go along with the crowd but to speak up for what is right and support those especially who cannot be heard.

May those who have suffered for what is right and all who have died share the happiness of your kingdom for ever.

We remember those who have made sacrifices to build a better world and gave witness to their faith in difficult circumstances. WE pray that they will be specially rewarded.

Mary Queen of Apostles: pray for us

St Therese of Lisieux: pray for us.

St Joseph the Worker: pray for us.

Queen of Apostles – because we are all sent out like apostles.

St Therese – she is patron of missionaries and YCW patron: we are missionaries within our daily lives.

St Joseph – patron of workers who helps us know the dignity and holiness of working life.